



November 15, 2017

Dear Representative Hoyer:

I am writing to express the opposition of The Arc of the United States (The Arc) to H.R.1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The Arc is the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through more than 650 state and local chapters across the United States.

The Arc's longstanding position on tax policy is that it should raise sufficient revenues to finance essential programs that help people with disabilities live and work in the community and we support tax policy that raises revenues without increasing income inequality. H.R. 1 does not meet these longstanding principles of The Arc.

We oppose this bill because it would reduce revenue by at least \$1.5 trillion over 10 years, thereby increasing pressure to cut Medicaid and other critical programs in the future. We also take issue with the measure's disproportionate benefit to wealthy individuals and corporations and its repeal of expenditures that benefit people with disabilities, such as the medical expense deduction.

We cannot afford this tax plan. Our nation will likely end up having to pay for the bill through massive budget cuts to many of the programs that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities rely upon to live independent lives in the community. We urge you to oppose it.

Sincerely,

Marty Ford

Senior Executive Officer, Public Policy